

[8th October 1928]

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 351 asked by Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th October 1928, page 13 supra.]

Terms of assignment of land for plantation purposes in the Nilgiri Upper Plateau.

1. The land shall be used only for the cultivation of coffee; tea, cinchona, cardamoms, pepper, rubber, wattle or any other product that the Government may by several orders recognize as plantation products or for the erection of any buildings or constructing any roads thereon which may be necessary for effecting and supervising such cultivation and preparing the produce for market.

2. In areas where forest growth is cleared, the grantee shall plant one or more of the plantation products specified in condition (1) within such reasonable time as may be fixed by the Collector of the Nilgiris in each case.

3. The grantee shall be liable to pay the cost of surveying the land. He shall keep the boundaries clear of forest growth and maintain the survey marks in accordance with the provisions of the Madras Survey and Boundaries Act.

4. Except on the area occupied by public roads or branch roads declared as public, the grantee shall pay assessment at the rate of Rs. 2 an acre. The rate of assessment will be subject to revision at resettlement. The assessment will be remitted up to the sixth year from the date of the order of assignment.

5. The grantee shall pay all general taxes and local rates payable by law or custom.

6. The grantee shall pay the market value of the land included in the grant at the rates shown below :—

	RS.
(1) For grass land, land containing only scattered trees and stony or swampy land	25 an acre.
(2) For land covered or largely covered with scrub jungle	75 „
(3) For land covered or largely covered with shola or other good forest growth	125 or 200 „

7. The existing and customary rights of the Government and the public in existing roads and paths in the land are in no way affected by the grant.

8. The streams which run through the land with a suitable margin shall be excluded from the grant but the grantee shall be permitted to use the water from the streams for irrigating nurseries, drinking water, coffee pulping and all factory purposes other than the generation of power for which a separate licence should be obtained.

9. The paths and roads mentioned below shall be excluded from the grant. The grantee shall demarcate the areas excluded in such manner as may be prescribed by the Collector of the Nilgiris.

10. In the event of the violation of any of the conditions of the grant the Government shall be at liberty to resume and re-enter on any part of the land in the name of the whole and the whole land shall therefore vest absolutely in the Government. In the event of such resumption and re-entry the grantee shall not be entitled to any compensation whatever.